Ermington Public School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 8

Monday, 16 June  Silver Morning Tea
ICAS Writing Assessment
Tuesday, 17 June  ICAS Spelling Assessment
Ryde Spectacular Rehearsal
Thursday, 19 June  SRC Red Nose Day (Mufti)
K-6 Assembly (2.05pm)

Term 2 Week 9

Monday 23 June  Cake Day (Band Fundraiser)
Tuesday 24 June  Ryde Spec Dance Audition
Banksia Recorder Concert
Wednesday 25 June  Sushi Day
Thursday 26 June  Selective Assessment (Yr7)
Friday 27 June  Last day of Term 2

Term 3 Week 1

Monday 14 July  Staff Development Day
Tuesday 15 July  Students Return to School

Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday 22 July  3-6 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 23 July  K-2 Athletics Carnival

K-2 Athletics Carnival
Please note new date for the K-2 Athletics Carnival. It is now being held in Term 3, Week 2, Wednesday 23rd July.

Principal’s Message

Aerobics State Championships
Congratulations to our wonderful students who competed in the State Aerobics Championships on Sunday. All of the students did us very proud. Four individual competitors progressed through to the national championships (3 firsts and 1 third) and 3 of our teams also progressed through to the nationals. This is an amazing achievement. Well done to our students and our very supportive parents. Thank you to Mrs Stevens, Mrs MacKenzie and Kate for their dedication to this program.

Wonderful Opportunities
I am amazed at the wide range of activities that Ermington provides to complement the teaching program within the school. Today we have students off rehearsing for the Ryde School Spectacular, tomorrow we have students competing against Hunters Hill PS in a debate and on Thursday we are building a social conscience by raising funds for Red Nose Day.

Silver Morning Tea
Yesterday I was very excited to share morning tea with our Silver Award recipients. Well done to these students who have been following our school expectations. If your child missed the cut off point for this occasion, they will have the opportunity to join me for morning tea next term.

Semester 1 Reports
Your child’s Semester 1 report will be sent home this Thursday. If you wish to discuss the contents with your child’s teacher, please arrange a mutually convenient time.

Mark Hoppitt
Principal

Stage News

Kindy
Hello and welcome to Week 8! This week’s sounds are ‘ad’, ‘ed’, ‘id’, ‘od’ and ‘ud’ and the tricky words are ‘of’, ‘look’, ‘beach’ and ‘some’. We had such a wonderful time visiting the Kindifarm last week. It was a great opportunity to consolidate our HSIE unit ‘On the Farm’. Congratulations to those students who attended the Silver Morning Tea yesterday. The Silver Morning Tea is a great way to recognise those students who have worked very hard to achieve the four school expectations this semester. Please remember that the SRC mufti day is this Thursday, 19th June. Students are to wear red in aid of Red Nose Day and bring a gold coin donation. If your child has purchased a plush toy or a red nose they do not have to bring in a gold coin donation. Don’t forget next week’s news topic is ‘Farm Canteen Cooking Time’. With adult assistance, use a cooking recipe that uses products from the farm (milk, cheese, butter, cream, eggs, etc). Please bring in some yummy edible items to share with the class. Please note that Kindy promote a nut free environment. We hope you have a fabulous week!
Stage 1
The holidays are fast approaching! The preparations are going well for the Year 2 choir’s ‘Singing in the Rain’ concert item. Well done! Umbrellas are available for sale for $5 from Ms Vallentine. We would like to remind K-2 students that the dance club is on every Friday at lunch till the end of the term. On Thursday we remind you all to come dressed in red for ‘Red Nose Day’. If you haven’t purchased a red nose or plush toy please bring in a gold coin donation on the day. Also on Thursday we have a K-6 Assembly at 2:05pm. We hope to see you all there.

Stage 2
Last week all Stage 2 classes attended an excursion to the Dragon 88 Chinese Restaurant. Students tried a variety of dishes and, for some, it was the first time trying this cuisine. They used chopsticks, which was fun and challenging! With our bellies full, everyone was thankful that the walk back to school was downhill. We would like to thank the management and staff for making this an enjoyable experience. Thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied our classes and assisted on the day. We would also like to congratulate our wonderful students who, once again, represented Ermington Public School proudly by displaying such exemplary behaviour that it was noticed and commented on by other restaurant patrons.

Thank you to the parents who have supplied our classes with extra tissues and replenished their child’s stationery supplies. There are still many students, however, who do not have the necessary equipment for the classroom.

Stage 3
A big thank you to Mrs Sparrow for organising the visit of John Alexander last week. The children came up with many interesting questions and it was an interesting experience for all. This week at our combined K-6 assembly class 4CM will be performing and Miss Lagado’s drama group will be showcasing their talents. Children performing at the Opera House next Tuesday (in the recorder group) will be taking home their black t-shirt. Children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to attend aerobic fitness sessions on a Wednesday afternoon in the school hall from 3:10pm until 4:10pm. It is open to any boys or girls who are interested in getting fit, having fun or interested in learning the skills needed for competition aerobics. The sessions will run for 8 weeks commencing Week 1 of Term 3. The cost is $60 for the 8 sessions. Full payment is to be returned by Friday, 20th June. Notes were given out last Thursday. Any queries please see Mrs Stevens.

Around the School

School Expectations
This week our school expectations focus is BE RESPONSIBLE.

Responsible students:
• Set goals. Goals keep students focused on the future.
• Get ready and organised ahead of time.
• Are accountable for their actions
• Look after their belongings
• Are active participants in the classroom who display enthusiasm, open-mindedness, curiosity and reflection.

Peer Support
In Peer Support this week children will be focusing on the skills of winning in a friendly way and coping with losing. The children will participate in various activity and discuss how to accept the outcome of a game, no matter what it is, in a friendly way in order to maintain those friendships. During the week encourage your child to practise these skills in all aspects of life - whether it be weekend sport or choosing what to watch.

Aerobics News
On Sunday Ermington’s Aerobics teams and singles competed at the State Titles in Sutherland against some very tough competition. Congratulations to all that competed, you were all amazing. Here are the results:
• Five Alive – 4th
  (Charlotte, Chelsea, Emma, Gabby and Nara)
• Bollywood Stars – 5th
  (Rachel, Ayesha, India, Rebecca, Chloe and Vanessa)
• We mean Business – 4th
  (Tahilia, Elana, Alana, Laura, Madi, Nicola and Keisha)
• Groovy Girls – 2nd
  (Emma, Elly, Alyssa, Ruby, Alicia, Brooke and Lilly)
• Jenna 1st
• Zac 1st
• Brooke 1st
• Keisha 3rd

An extra congratulations to We mean Business, Five Alive, The Groovy Girls, Zac, Jenna, Brooke and Keisha who will be representing our school and the State of NSW at the National Competition on the Gold Coast in August. A big thank you to parents for yesterday and the weeks leading up to competition.

Mrs Stevens and Mrs MacKenzie

Aerobics/Fitness Club
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Kiss and Ride Roster
PLEASE email colettegrundy@yahoo.com.au if you can help on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

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While stocks last the SRC will continue to sell their Red Nose Day merchandise. We will be selling these in the morning before school at the front of the stage. We have $6.00 plush toys and $3.00 red noses. If your child purchases one of these items they will not have to bring in a gold coin donation for the SRC Mufti Day on Thursday. Students are encouraged to come dressed all in red for this mufti day.

PSSA
Netball and soccer play at Meadowbank Park. Tiger Tag is at Morrison Bay and AFL at ELS Hall (Kent Road).

3-6 Athletics Carnival
The 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 22nd July 2014 at Dunbar Park, Marsfield. In preparation for this day, classes will be involved in qualifying rounds for Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump over the next couple of weeks. Finals for these events will occur at the Athletics Carnival. Children may wish to pack their sneakers in their bag to compete in these activities. High Jump events will be conducted at lunchtime on the following dates. Appropriate clothing and footwear will need to be worn for this event.

Week 9 – Monday, 23rd June. Junior Girls
Week 9 – Wednesday, 25th June. Senior & 11 years Girls

Band Fundraising
The School Band will be selling cakes/jellies at recess time on Monday, 23rd June to raise money towards school band resources. These will be on sale outside the school hall for 50 cents. Parent helpers will be greatly appreciated to help set up in the morning and also to serve at recess.

School Cookbook
We have some great recipes for our school cookbook. We need some more of your favourite recipes. Now that the weather is getting colder, I’m sure you’re all cooking some wonderful soups or yummy biscuits to have with your hot chocolate. This week we want those soup and biscuit recipes please!

Submit a hand written or photocopied recipe to me. Please make sure you include the recipe title, comments, serving size, ingredients, method and your name.

If you have several recipes please feel free to submit them all! If you have any questions, email Belinda Barnes E: belinda5d@optusnet.com.au

OOSH NEWS
Bookings for the July vacation care program close this Friday. Several days are nearing capacity with the zoo & King St theatre excursions already full. Bookings can be made on the webservice using your OOSH log in details at www.ermingtonoosh.com

Remember to send a copy of your Internet banking receipt to the centre so your bookings can be confirmed. Enquiries can be directed to Allison, Cathy or Sandy on 9874 4077 or ermingtonoosh@live.com.au

CANTEEN NEWS

Please enquire at office or canteen if you can us help out

SUSHI DAY
Our next Sushi Day is NEXT Wednesday 25 June. Sushi vouchers will be sold at the canteen @ $2.70 each. Sushi is for lunch orders only. We prefer you to PRE-ORDER from this week. There are Chicken, Chicken & Avocado, Salmon & Avocado and Tuna. Get your order in quick so you don't miss out!

CANTEEN CLEANUP – Next Friday 27 June we will be giving the canteen it’s usual end of term clean up. If anyone is available to help from 1.30pm, we would be very grateful, thanks.

PLEASE NOTE – from next term we will once again be selling HASH BROWNS for recess ONLY (as they are not a healthy choice item and we should only offer them once per day).

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 18/6       Danni, Teresa, Kelly
Thursday 19/6         James, Louise (pm) help needed
Friday 20/6           Wendy, Terri, Clarissa (10-2.15)
Monday 23/6           Eunice, Jina K
Tuesday 24/6          Kate B, La
Wednesday 25/6        Beth, Grace P
Thursday 26/6         Shienny, Meena, Louise (pm)
Friday 27/6           Wendy, Melissa, Teresa
Newsletter Deadline
Articles should be submitted electronically to the School Office by 12 noon Monday. These should be sent to:
ermington-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Subject: Newsletter Insert

The school often publishes information on behalf of community groups – parents need to decide on the appropriateness of activities involving their child. It is the responsibility of each parent to research the bona fides of any organisation in which you wish for your child to be involved. The school accepts no responsibility with regard to advertisements placed in the newsletter. Parents and guardians should make their own decision.

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Tennis Camp - Ryde Tennis Academy
Monday June 30th to Thursday July 3rd from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Cost $130. 5-16 year olds. Held at Meadowbank Park. For more info please call Ray Brennan on 9809-0882 or 0418168868.
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6:45pm – 8pm Wednesday 18th June 2014
William Clarke College, 1 Morris Grove, Kellyville
RSVP to natalie.paed@2realise.org.au or 02 9639 0253

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